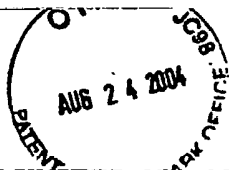


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004, the period for response to which expires on August 24, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: